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SUBJ: ECE/UNEP JOINT PROGRAMMING MEETING

REF: GENEVA 6305

TEXT OF SUMMARY OF SUBJ MEETING AGREED TO BY
PARTICIPANTS FOLLOWS:

I. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMPONENTS OF A FUTURE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TO EXPRESS
THE NATURE AND THE CONTINUITY OF THE CLOSE COLLABORATION
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN UNEP AND ECE. UNEP PRESENTED AN
OUTLINE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM,
WHICH WAS AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE. UNEP WILL PRODUCE
A DRAFT WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO
ECE FOR COMMENTS. AN AGREED TEXT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR
SIGNATURE BY BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.

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II. THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY ITEMS WERE IDENTIFIED AS BEING
OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO UNEP AND ECE:

(1) STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE ECE REGION

- ECE WILL SUBMIT TO UNEP A PAPER OUTLINING
POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES OF ECE
COUNTRIES (COUNTRY MONOGRAPHS ESTABLISHED
IN 1973). THE COUNTRY MONOGRAPHS ARE CURRENTLY
BEING UP-DATED. THEY WILL BE USED BY UNEP FOR
THE PREPARATION OF ITS STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT
REPORTS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE FIVE-YEARLY REPORT
REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

(2). HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND HABITAT

- COOPERATION THAT PRESENTLY EXISTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROBLEMS BETWEEN ECE AND UNEP WILL BE EXTENDED
TO INCLUDE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

- THE HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING SECTION OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DIVISION (ENHS)
HAS SUBMITTED A CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNEP LEVEL
ONE DOCUMENT.

- UNEP WILL MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER
COLLABORATION.

(3). HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- UNEP IS PROMOTING A PROGRAMME OF STUDIES ON THE
EFFECTS OF SULPHUR OXIDES ON HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN
TARGETS, WHICH HAS A EUROPEAN REGION COMPONENT.
ECE WILL KEEP ABREAST OF, AND SEEK TO MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION TO, THESE ACTIVITIES.

(4). TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS

- ECE SYMPOSIUM ON THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON
VEGETATION PLANNED FOR LATE 1977; ECE WILL
DEVELOP PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF SUBJECT AREAS TO BE
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DISCUSSED AT SYMPOSIUM AND SUBMIT IT TO UNEP
FOR CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW.

- ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROBLEMS
IN THE FIELD OF FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE:
ECE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO UNEP INFORMATION ON
ON-GOING COUNTRY ACTIVITIES, TO BE USED BY UNEP
TOWARDS PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

NOW IN PROGRESS.

- UNEP EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN THE ON-GOING WATER-RELATED PROJECTS NOW IN PROGRESS WITHIN ECE. THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS HARMONIZED WATER POLICY IN THE DANUBE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL RIVER BASINS WAS NOTED.

(5). ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- ECE WILL COMMENT ON DOCUMENTS UNEP/GC/76, UNEP/GC/79 AND UNEP/GC/80.

- A BACKGROUND PAPER ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IS BEING PREPARED BY THE ECE SECRETARIAT TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT AT SAEP (V). THIS PAPER WILL BE SUBMITTED TO UNEP AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE REVIEW ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO BE PUT BEFORE THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTH SESSION. TIME IS OPPORTUNE FOR UNEP TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMULATING A PROGRAMME OF WORK TO BE SUBMITTED TO SAEP (V).

- THE RESULTS OF ECE'S WORK ON THE LINKAGE BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND POLLUTION ABATEMENT MODELS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO UNEP. UNEP SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOMED TO HELP ORIENT DEVELOPMENTS OF ECE ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD: UNEP STAFF WILL VISIT THE ECE SECRETARIAT FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER, AIMING AT THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF THE METHODOLOGIES TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

- WORK ON NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN ACCELERATED BY UNEP ASSISTANCE. UNEP FOCUSES ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSFERRING TECHNOLOGIES WHICH ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND APPROPRIATE. TIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED BETWEEN ECE AND UNEP ON THIS SUBJECT. FOR THE PARIS SEMINAR, DECEMBER 1976, UNEP WILL CONSIDER FUNDING ATTENDANCE OF PARTI-

CIPANTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

- ECE AND UNEP WILL EXPLORE WAYS OF ENSURING THAT THERE BE EFFICIENT COOPERATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEMINARS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES.

- UNEP WILL SEND A STAFF MEMBER TO REVIEW THE ECE ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL

STATISTICS. UNEP WILL NOMINATE A FOCAL POINT
AT HEADQUARTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS.
UNEP PLANS TO SUPPORT UNO ACTIVITIES IN THIS
FIELD.

- COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS
OF LAND-USE PLANNING WILL BE EXPLORED.

(6). OCEANS: REGIONAL SEAS

- ECE WILL BE ASKED TO FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO
THE RESEARCH AND MONITORING COMPONENT OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN.

- ECE HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A COMPONENT OF
THE PROJECT ON POLLUTION FROM LAND-BASED SOURCES
IN ECE COUNTRIES BORDERING THE MEDITERRANEAN.

- THE ECE SECRETARIAT WILL REPORT TO THE SAEP (V)
ON THE RESULTS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS
MEETING ON THE BLUE PLAN FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
AND WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SPECIFIC
SAEP INVOLVEMENT.

- WITH REGARD TO THE BALTIC, ECE WILL KEEP
ACTIVELY ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL SEEK
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OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAMME,
KEEPING UNEP INFORMED.

(7). ENERGY PROBLEMS

- ECE WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO UNEP ENERGY
PROJECT BY SUBMITTING A REVISED AND UP-DATED
VERSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF NEW
ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.

- ECE, THROUGH THE WORK OF ITS PRINCIPAL
SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND SECRETARIAT, WILL CONTINUE
TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNEP
ENERGY PROJECT.

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(8). ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: EARTHWATCH

- CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER COOPERATION
WITH GEMS, IRS, IRPTC, WILL BE UNDERTAKEN.

- ECE IS DEVELOPING A REGIONAL PROJECT OF MONITORING
AND EVALUATION OF THE LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR
POLLUTION IN THE ECE REGION, REFERRED TO IN UNEP
GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISION 64 (IV). ECE FELT
THAT UNEP PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE
TASK FORCE WOULD BE USEFUL TO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT
BE DEVELOPED AS A REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO GEMS.
THE PRESENT PHASE OF THE ACTIVITIES REQUIRED NO
EXTERNAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; ASSISTANCE FROM THE
FUND OF UNEP MAY BE SOUGHT FOR THE SECOND PHASE
BEGINNING IN 1977. IT WAS CONSIDERED BY UNEP THAT
THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO
THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COMPONENT OF THE
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ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME.

- REGARDING OUTER LIMITS, THE WORK OF THE ECE
CHEMICAL COMMITTEE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO UNEP
PROGRAMME ON OZONE LAYER. RELATIONSHIP WILL
BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ECE SECRETARIAT, UNEP,
WMO, AND IIASA, WITH A VIEW TO CONTRIBUTING
TO THE STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF HEAT ON CLIMATE.

III. ECE WILL CONTINUE TO PREPARE AND SERVICE THE
GENERAL INTER-SECRETARIAT MEETINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROBLEMS IN THE EUROPEAN REGION, AS WELL AS
SECTORAL MEETINGS ON WATER PROBLEMS AND
ENERGY. THE ECE WILL ALSO CONTINUE THE ISSUANCE
OF THE CONSOLIDATED CALENDAR THREE TIMES A YEAR.

IV. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE JOINT PROGRAMMING MEETING
HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL TO BOTH PARTIES, AND THAT
SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
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